

REMARKS

The Final Office Action of October 5, 2007 has been received and carefully reviewed. Upon entry of this Amendment, claims 2-8, 10-16 and 18-23 remain in the application. Claims 1, 9 and 17 have been cancelled without prejudice. Reconsideration of the claims is respectfully requested.

In the Final Office Action dated October 5, 2007, the Examiner stated that claims 3, 4, 6, 11, 12, 14, 19 and 21 are allowed. Since these claims depended from rejected base claims, Applicants assume that the Examiner intended to object to the claims, indicating that they would be allowable if amended to include the limitations of the base and any intervening claims. As such, these claims have been so amended. The remaining claims have either been cancelled or amended to depend ultimately from one of claims 3, 4, 6, 11, 12, 14, 19 or 21.

It is submitted that, through this Amendment, Applicants' invention as set forth in these claims is now in a condition suitable for allowance.

Further and favorable consideration is requested. If the Examiner believes it would expedite prosecution of the above-identified application, the Examiner is cordially invited to contact Applicants' Attorney at the below-listed telephone number.

Respectfully submitted,

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